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In re application of:

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2000, having a shortened statutory period for response that expires on August 5, 2000. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2 and add the following new claims 4-33.

1. A balloon-expandable stent comprising:  
a plurality of generally sinusoidally-shaped, plastically deformable rings capable of retaining a compressed configuration when mounted onto a balloon catheter and having a first diameter when mounted onto the balloon catheter;  
each ring comprising substantially straight segments oriented generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of its ring in its first diameter;  
each segment having a first end and a second end, with  
a first end of a first segment connected to a first end of a second segment by a first turn;  
a second end of the second segment connected to a second end of a third segment by a second turn;

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